



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D C 20463

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VIA CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Eric J. Ares
1009 W 22nd Street
Los Angeles, CA 90007

RE: MUR 5653
The Observer Inc.

Dear Mr. Ares:

The Federal Election Commission reviewed the allegations in your complaint dated April 22, 2005. On September 16, 2005, based upon the information provided in your complaint, and information provided by the respondent(s), the Commission decided to dismiss the complaint and close its file in this matter. Accordingly, the Commission closed its file in this matter on September 30, 2005.

Documents related to the case will be placed on the public record within 30 days. *See* Statement of Policy Regarding Disclosure of Closed Enforcement and Related Files, 68 Fed. Reg. 70,426 (Dec. 18, 2003). A copy of the dispositive General Counsel's Report is enclosed for your information. The Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, allows a complainant to seek judicial review of the Commission's dismissal of this action. *See* 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(8).

Sincerely,

Lawrence H. Norton
General Counsel

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff S. Jordan", is written over the typed name.

BY: Jeff S. Jordan
Supervisory Attorney
Complaints Examination and
Legal Administration

Enclosure
General Counsel's Report

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